THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE V.V.S.RAO

WRIT PETITION No.11819 OF 2006

15.06.2006

Between:

Visveswaraya Engineers Cooperative Housing Society, represented by its

Secretary K. Ravinder Reddy, S/o.Purushotham Reddy

And another

… Petitioners

AND

The Secretary to Government of Andhra Pradesh,

Revenue (Endowments) Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad

And others

… Respondents

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ORDER:

The two petitioners allegedly purchased land from Gurukul Ghatkesar Trust. When the steps were initiated by the Department of Endowments, writ petitions came to be filed. Ultimately, a Division Bench of this Court in **Secretary to Government, Revenue (Endowments) Department v S.S.A.C.H.S.Ltd.,** directed the authorities to consider the applications that may be filed by the petitioners for regularization. The Division Bench further observed that during the pendency of the consideration, if any, the petitioners shall not make constructions of whatsoever nature and shall maintain *status quo* existing as on the date of pronouncement of the judgment. The petitioners now allege that pursuant to the orders of the Division Bench, they made applications to the Commissioner of Endowments, the third respondent herein. They further allege that there is a threat of dispossession by the second respondent. Therefore, they filed the instant writ petition seeking appropriate orders.

After hearing the learned Counsel for the petitioners and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Revenue (Assignment), this Court is of considered opinion that this writ petition is superfluous. What all the petitioners' apprehension was

there, is taken care of by the observations of the judgment of the Division Bench, as under.

> The writ petitioners, if they are so interested, may file appropriate applications before the Competent Authorities within eight weeks from today and in such an event the same shall be disposed of within four months from the date of filing of the same.
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> During the pendency of consideration of the request, if any, to be made by the petitioners, by the Competent Authorities, the writ petitioners shall not make any construction of whatsoever nature and shall maintain *status quo* existing as on today in all respects. They shall not alienate or encumber the lands in their possession or any portion thereof in any manner whatsoever.

In view of the observations, needless to point out that till the applications made by the petitioners are disposed of by the third respondent, the authorities shall have to obey the orders of the Division Bench and maintain *status quo*. The orders o f *status quo* also operate against the petitioners or their members insofar as construction is concerned.

The writ petition, with the above observations and directions, is disposed of. No costs.

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(**V.V.S.RAO, J**)

June 15, 2006

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